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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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SUBJECT : Guidance Committee

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1. The Guidance Committee is hereby established with as Chairman. The purpose of this Committee is to foster continuing interchange of information and opinions bearing on the design and operating options between the system manager and the users and processors of the product.

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2. Please designate a member from each of the following offices: FMSAC, NPIC, OCI, OER, OSI, OSP, and OSR.

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L. K. White
Executive Director-Comptroller

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DATE: 9 October 1970

TO: Jack

FROM: Ed

SUBJECT: Substantive Guidance to [] Project

REMARKS:

As a follow up on the Deputies' Meeting of Wednesday, I met with [], [], George Allen and [] to find out their impressions of the effectiveness of our participation in the [] project.

[] reported that the one man he has assigned to the project has been there for more than a year, was a staff officer in the R&D part of NPIC, and the reason for his assignment to OSP was the hope that he would be transferred out of NPIC.

OSR has had little if any direct contact with the project.

[] has had extensive conversations with the [] project people, they have asked him questions, and he has furnished them with data on the location and types of present indications targets. He has been briefed frequently on the project's progress. BUT he has not been in a position of concurring or approving any of the actions taken by OSP.

I have had infrequent contacts with ADDS&T and with OSP on the [] project but essentially along the lines of [] relationship.

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Yet, [] who has had considerable background on projects of this sort, feels that the amount of interplay between the [] system designers and the potential users has been much better than on any previous new system.

My judgment is that we have no basis for high assurance that the maximum benefit of interplay between operators and users has been effected. We all feel that there should be much more involvement. It is not that we can point to any bad decisions by the [] project. Rather, it is that we have little basis for feeling that the OSP decisions have been the best.

On this basis, we recommend that an [] users and processors guidance group be set up to provide the active liaison and guidance to the system designers. It should include: OSR, NPIC, OCI, OER, [] and []. [] should be converted into a COMIREX group when we feel that it is on the proper course.

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